

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 433

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To restore the management and personnel authority of the
Mayor of the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
3 Management Restoration Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Among the major problems of the District
7 of Columbia government has been the failure to
8 clearly delineate accountability.

9 (2) The statute establishing the District of
10 Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management
11 Assistance Authority proved necessary to enable the
12 District to regain financial stability and manage-
13 ment control.

14 (3) The District has performed significantly
15 better than the Congress had anticipated at the time
16 of the passage of the Authority statute.

17 (4) The necessity for a financial authority has
18 resulted in a diffusion of responsibility between the
19 Mayor, the Council, and the Authority pending the
20 time when the District government would assume
21 the home rule status quo ante.

22 (5) This lack of clear lines of reporting author-
23 ity, in turn, has led to some redundancy and confu-
24 sion about accountability and authority.

25 (6) The Authority statute requires the Author-
26 ity to “ensure the most efficient and effective deliv-

ery of services, including public safety services, by the District government” and to “assist the District government in * * * ensuring the appropriate and efficient delivery of services”.

(7) With the coming of a new administration led by Mayor Anthony Williams, the Authority has taken the first step to ensure the accountability that will be necessary at the expiration of the control period by delegating day-to-day operations over city agencies previously under control of the Authority to the Mayor.

(8) The Congress agrees that the best way to ensure clear and unambiguous authority and full accountability is for the Mayor to have full authority over city agencies so that citizens, the Authority, and the Congress can ascertain responsibility.

(9) The transition of authority to the new administration will take nothing from the Authority’s power to intervene during a control period.

**SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL
AUTHORITY OF MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title XI of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (D.C. Code, sec. 47–395.1 et seq.) is repealed.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 1604(f)(2)(B) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public
3 Law 105–34; 111 Stat. 1099) is repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives February 9,
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.